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General John D. Ryan
Commander in Chief,
Strategic Air Command
Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base
Nebraska

Dear General Ryan:

I would like to thank you for the excellent briefings which officers of your Command gave on 7 and 9 June to the members of the CIA Mid-career Executive Development Course. The information and tours provided at Strategic Air Command Headquarters and at Francis E. Warren AFB served effectively to increase our Midcareerists' understanding of the nature and role of strategic deterrence.

At Offutt AFB, General Smith and the officers of the Directorate of Intelligence were most thorough in their descriptions of the responsibilities and activities of the Directorate and its Divisions. The DAC Briefing by Captain Walthall achieved a particularly noteworthy impact.

At Warren AFB, the assistance provided by Colonel G. W. Eldridge was greatly appreciated, as were Colonel M. Johnson's briefings and his participation in the tour of the launch control facility and the launch facility.

By their obvious professionalism and enthusiasm all of the officers and men who took part in organizing and conducting our visits reflected credit on the Strategic Air Command.

I hope that future Midcareer Courses may have the opportunity to visit SAC installations.

Sincerely, Distribution:

ORIGINATOR:

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Director of Training

15 JUN 1966

Date

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

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